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Assignee: CCS Technology, Inc. )  
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Title: Process For Manufacture of An Optical  
Transmission Element With Several Dry  
And Compressible Filling Elements As  
Well As Optical Transmission Element

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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